

Smart Irrigation Controllers, as a part of MWDOC's overall Water Use Efficiency Program, will assist water users in the district in more efficiently utilizing water resources and reduce the dependence of the area on water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River. The implementation and demonstration of this technology can serve as a demonstration project for areas of the arid west and other regions of the United States subject to water shortages who may be interested in utilizing this technology to decrease water consumption.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Project Name: Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS)

Account: Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eglin Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 32542

Description of Request: \$9,400,000—Flight Test Operations Facility (413 FLTS). I requested these funds to provide the 413th Flight Test Squadron the necessary facilities to conduct developmental and qualification testing of aircraft. The entity to receive funding for this project is Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, 32542. The funding would be used to upgrade facilities necessary to ensure mission success, minimize acquisition costs and fielding delays. Functional areas include administration, operations and special purpose areas including open storage area with SIPRNET, workshop/maintenance area with compressed air, a hoist system and an electrical system capable of providing multi-phase power and covered outside storage. The squadron is currently operating at 50% of the net office space recommended by AFH 32-1084. Aircrew life support equip lockers, printers, shredders and other office machines are stored and operated in hallways because of the lack of space and overcrowding. The unit does not have a dedicated facility but is provided space in other units' facilities. The 413th occupies 19,101SF in four separate facilities, two on base and two leased off base. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interest of my spouse or me. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 2997: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Act for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 369 South Warren Street, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the New Jersey Gypsy Moth Pest Management Program to support and enhance gypsy moth control on affected communities and public lands. Funds will be used to cost-share aerial treatments borne by local municipalities to develop a web-based interactive online map showing the distribution of gypsy moths in New Jersey and proposed treatment areas. The funds will also be used for technical support, salaries, and vehicle operation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding a project that I support for inclusion in H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Amount: \$100,000

Account: U.S. Department of Justice

Entity receiving funds: Washington State Meth Initiative located at 510 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Description: These funds will be used to implement this anti-methamphetamine initiative, which brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, and treatment professionals from across the state to work together to address all aspects of the meth epidemic.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the FY10 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Military Construction—Air Force Reserve

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

Address of Requesting Entity: Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, 2720 Kirkbridge Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5.7 million for Project #RVKQ 10-9091, the Indoor Small Arms Range that would support the requirements of the Base wings, the units of the new Armed Forces Readiness Center and the Department of Homeland Security tenants.

Of the total project amount, approximately \$4.4 million (or 77.1%) is for construction of the range; \$44,000 (or 1%) is for force protection; \$640,000 (or 11.2%) is for supporting facilities; \$254,000 (or 5%) is for contingency costs; and \$304,000 (or 5.7%) is for inspection and overhead.

The current situation requires personnel to shoot at a range in Canada when utilizing the M-24B machine gun and M-249 rifle. Additionally, the current number of firing line positions is inadequate to satisfy the volume of monthly training requirements which has grown with the addition of the Regional Readiness Center at the Base.

Due to the fact that the existing range is outdoors and off-Base, students and instructors are exposed to the elements and extreme temperatures for extended periods of time. In addition, an exorbitant amount of time is wasted by personnel who must travel a distance to the range. Also, due to extreme weather conditions, the Wing loses several months of weapons qualifying each year. This new Small Arms Range will allow personnel to meet all necessary mandatory weapons training as well as meeting safety and environmental requirements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 2997—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for Tulane University, New Orleans, LA in support of phytoestrogen research project. This is in the Agricultural Research Account in the amount of \$1,426,000. This will benefit Tulane University, 6823 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118 in the form of funding to be used to partner the Tulane/Xavier Center for Bio-environmental Research (CBR) and the University of Toledo to manipulate phytoestrogen and phyto-antiestrogen levels in soybean seed and soy-based products. This project discovers new effects of natural dietary constituents (phytoestrogens) on health and disease

in human; especially, estrogen-sensitive organs, such as breast, reproductive and cardiovascular systems.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. STEVE BARTELS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate, thank, and recognize my constituent Mr. Steve Bartels. Steve is a testament to the hard-working nature of the agricultural community and he has been a staple of the Butler County, Ohio community for more than three decades.

As the agricultural educator for the Ohio State University Extension Butler County Office, Steve has spread the necessary knowledge that aids the success that the agriculture industry has had on the economy of not only Butler County, but the entire state of Ohio. His hands-on approach has assisted thousands of individuals in improving their farms or gardens. Steve is most widely-known for his exceptional involvement in the Farm-City Tours, which began in 1976. Farm-City Tours allow individuals to get a free up-close-and-personal tour of a family farm in Butler County. Whether it be cattle or Christmas tree farms, Steve has an extraordinary wealth of knowledge that he has been able to share with the citizens of Butler County for many years. His hard work on obtaining a grant that enabled the extension office to hire a fourth agent has allowed many more Butler County children to be educated on this vital industry.

Steve's contributions to the Ohio State University Extension Butler County Office will be felt for many years to come. While I and the Extension Office are sad to see him go, I would like to congratulate him on his accomplishments and wish him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, due to mechanical difficulties involving my flight back to Washington, DC from Indianapolis, I was unable to be on the House Floor for roll call votes 478 and 479.

Had I been present I would have voted aye on Roll Call vote 478—Directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol; and nay on Roll Call vote 479—To create a new Federal grant program to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I submit a listing of the congressionally directed projects I requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 2997, the FY2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Aquaculture Research Initiative

Amount Received: \$529,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Research and development of strains of barley for the production of high-value protein concentrates from barley and oats that can be used as fish feed. Increasingly, fish that are consumed worldwide originate from aquaculture. This increase has taxed global supplies of marine protein and oil traditionally used in aquafeeds resulting in record prices for these commodities. Idaho is a leader in the national aquaculture industry, producing over 70% of the nation's commercially grown rainbow trout and generating \$100 million per year. Funding would support innovative research to develop new ways of addressing problems in the industry.

Project Name: Barley for Rural Development

Amount Received: \$514,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Funding for this program would support research directed at the continued development of improved malt, feed, cellulosic ethanol and food barley varieties for growers and value-added end-users in rural Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota communities. This research is starting to expand and meet market opportunities, addressing the critical need of growers in production agriculture to increase economic yield, enhance domestic and international market access, improve production technologies, better compete with Canadian imports and reduce dependence on government subsidies. Research supported by this project will increase the manufacture and sale of value-added barley products (malt, beer, fuel, food, livestock) in these states, having a substantial positive impact on their economies, supporting jobs, generating business activity, and federal, state, and local tax revenue. Maintenance of the strength of barley in the Idaho economy requires continual efforts to improve crop quality and productivity. This can only be accomplished by investing in strong research programs that keep the industry at the forefront.

Project Name: COOL Season Legume Research

Amount Received: \$235,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: This program is an aggressive cooperative research program between the

USDA, the University of Idaho, and the University of Washington that seeks new, high-yielding, high-quality, nutritious dry pea, lentil, and chickpea varieties to meet producer and consumer needs. This research focuses on the breeding of new, superior varieties of legumes; management of nematodes, insects, plant diseases and weeds that can limit production; and reduction of soil erosion and water degradation associated with production, as well as the development of value-added new products. The technology being generated through the research is essential for the pea, lentil, and chickpea industries to remain competitive and profitable. Funding would be provided to the University of Idaho through the USDA ARS facility located at 29603 U of I Lane, Parma, Idaho 83660.

Project Name: Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee

Amount Received: \$650,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Recipient's Street Address: 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

Description: Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming are each required by law to manage brucellosis-infected wildlife within their borders in order to prevent the spread of brucellosis to non-infected wildlife, cattle, or domestic bison. The Committee is coordinating with federal, state, and private actions in eliminating brucellosis from wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Area and preventing transmission of this disease from wildlife to livestock. The funding will be used to develop and implement brucellosis herd unit management plans; to perform functions and duties of Idaho relative to the Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee; to conduct brucellosis prevention, surveillance, control and eradication activities in Idaho and the Greater Yellowstone Area.

Project Name: Increasing Shelf-Life of Agriculture Commodities

Amount Received: \$603,000

Account: USDA/CSREES

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 875 Perimeter Drive, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: In order to prevent serious food safety issues, this project will fund research and development of bio-electronic sensors that can detect the presence of microbial pathogens in food and food products. Preventative detection and treatment at the agricultural commodity level and fast, accurate detection of biological pathogens and dangerous food toxins is an important element for ensuring safety and shelf life. The research being conducted in this area at the University of Idaho will advance and expand previous work on biosensor systems to further enhance preventative detection and treatment of biological pathogens and dangerous food toxins.

Project Name: Nez Perce Bio-Control Center

Amount Received: \$176,000

Account: USDA/APHIS

Recipient: Nez Perce Tribe Bio-Control Center

Recipient's Street Address: 102 Agency Road, Lapwai, ID 83540

Description: The Nez Perce Bio-Control Center is authorized by the Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004 and manages and establishes nurseries to increase biological control organism availability, distribute